

REMARKS

Examiner Lieu is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on May 30, 2006.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed and agreed to at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection to Claims 1, 2, 11-14, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Knoedler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,280,635) and the rejection of Claim 17 over Knoedler et al. in view of Thompson (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0184877), is hereby requested. As indicated in the Interview Summary, "Applicant proposed to add the limitation [to Claim 1] that [and] the housing and both legs of the device enclose the acoustic and electrical means. This limitation appears to overcome and [is] allowable over the prior art". Claim 1 has been so amended and is now considered in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-22 depend from Claim 1 and are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reason as Claim 1 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 23-32 are allowed.

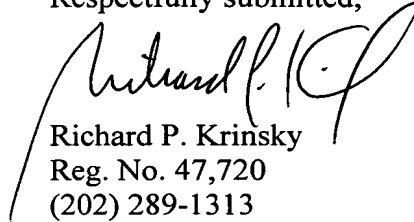
As stated in the Office Action, "Claims 3-10, 15-16 and 19-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims". Accordingly, Claims 3, 15, 19, 20, and 21 have been so rewritten as new independent Claims 33-37, respectively, and are considered to be in condition for allowance, as stated in the Office Action, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application and Claims 1-37 are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341/72631).

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Amendments to the Claims

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